

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Civil Supplies- Damage of paddy due to cyclonic storm and heavy rains in November, 2015 in the rain affected districts – Purchase of damaged paddy by the A.P. State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd with discolouration or damage upto 10%. – Orders – Issued.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (CS.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms. No.26

Dated:13.12.2015

Read the following:

1. Commissioner of Civil Supplies Lr.No.Proc.I/447/2015,
Dt. 19.11.2015
2. Joint Commissioner(S&R), M/o CA, F&PD, D/o F&PD.,
Govt.Of India New Delhi, Lr.No.8-8/2015-S&I,
Dt.08.12.2015.

ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the Commissioner of Civil Supplies has informed that due to a cyclonic storm followed by heavy rains during 15th to 17th November 2015, major damage to the standing paddy crop and harvested paddy was reported in the districts of East Godavari, West Godavari and Krishna. The paddy crop was inundated in the flood water causing shattering of the grains and discoloration. As per the MSP norms, FAQ paddy alone has to be procured by the State Agency- the APSCSCL. Unless FAQ norms are relaxed by GOI, the State Agency cannot procure discoloured paddy. The GOI was requested to relax the specifications for purchase of paddy and rice.

2. In the reference read 2nd above, based on the report of Joint team, the Govt. of India have permitted for procurement of paddy and Rice with relaxations in FAQ specifications as detailed below:

Paddy:

Damaged, Discolored, Sprouted & Weevilled grains upto 10% against the existing limit of 5% subject to the condition that damaged, sprouted, & weevilled grains **should not exceed 5% with full value cut.**

Rice:

Refraction	Limit under Uniform Specification	Proposed Limit	Relaxed
Damaged / Slightly damaged grains	3%	4%	
Discolored Grains	3%	5%	
Broken Grains	25%	30%	

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3. After careful consideration of the matter and to mitigate the hardship to the farmers and to protect them from distress sale, the Government hereby order that the APSCSCL shall purchase the rain affected paddy with damaged, discolored, sprouted, and weevilled grains upto 10% without value cut by paying full MSP to the farmers, subject to the condition that damaged, sprouted, & weevilled grains should not exceed 5%.

4. It is further ordered that the above relaxations shall be restricted to the proportion of affected paddy to the tune of 2.37 lakh tons in East Godavari district and 2.59 lakh tons in West Godavari district, total 4.96 lakh tons only. The relaxations are applicable for kharif crop only. The resultant CMR milled out of the 4.96 lakh tons of affected paddy should not exceed the relaxed specifications as shown below;

Refraction	Relaxed Limit
Damaged / Slightly damaged grains	4%
Discolored Grains	5%
Broken Grains	30%

5. The Commissioner of Civil Supplies AP Hyderabad has estimated the additional expenditure involved in purchasing the discolored paddy without cut is Rs. 36.00 Cr and requested the government to release the additional budget to proceed further for procurement of discolored paddy. After consideration of the above proposal in consultation with finance department they have advised this department to meet the proposed additional expenditure of Rs.36.00 Cr from the overall budget of the department, during the financial year 2015-16. The CCS AP is therefore requested to take necessary action for assessment of the actual expenditure done so far and take necessary action in the matter.

6. The additional expenditure incurred in purchase of the damaged/ discoloured paddy, shall be reimbursed to the A.P. State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd. The A.P. State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd shall meet the working capital for purchase of the damaged paddy from out of the funds / cash credit available with them. Detailed proposal for reimbursement of the additional expenditure incurred by the AP State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd., shall be submitted on completion of the procurement of discoloured paddy.

7. The Collectors of East Godavari and West Godavari districts are requested to ensure that the A.P. State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd., procure the affected paddy with damaged, discoloured, sprouted & weevilled grains up to 10% against the existing limit of 5% subject to the condition that damage, sprouted, & weevilled grains should not exceed 5%. The Collectors shall arrange wide publicity through press and scrolling on the T.V Channels besides giving wide publicity by beat of dandora (tom – tom) in the villages concerned for the benefit of the farmers. To avoid rush at the Paddy Purchase Centres tokens should be issued to the farmers, pamphlets indicating village-wise programme, the date, time and location of the purchase centre shall be distributed on large scale in each village affected due to heavy rains so that the farmers could come to the purchase centres on the specified dates without any difficulty.

8. The District Purchase Committees headed by the Joint Collectors shall take appropriate action for engaging required number of technical man power; procure the adequate number of equipments to conduct the quality tests besides cleaning of the paddy brought by the farmers to purchase centres. They shall make arrangements for the availability of sufficient number of gunnies to transport paddy from PPCs and to make necessary payment to the farmers and have scientific godowns to store paddy purchased besides other logistics. The damaged paddy purchased shall be stacked separately at each scientific godown like SWC, CWC, and AMC etc. Special care should be taken to protect the stocks to be procured under relaxations for different categories.

9. The paddy purchased by the APSCSCL with relaxed specifications has to be custom milled and the resultant CMR to be delivered immediately to the APSCSCL or FCI as per the relaxed specifications. The paddy under relaxed specifications shall be procured directly from farmers and resultant CMR rice obtained from relaxed paddy shall be consumed in the state through DCP mode only on overriding priority for TPDS and other welfare schemes. Separate account shall be maintained for paddy and resultant rice procured under uniform specifications and under relaxed specifications.

10. The District Collectors should take personal attention on procurement of paddy exclusively from farmers only. No middle men should be entertained.

11. The VC & Managing Director, A.P., State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd shall take further action for issue of detailed guidelines for purchase of damaged / discoloured paddy, delivery of CMR and furnish details of paddy purchased and CMR delivered daily to the Commissioner of Civil Supplies, A.P, Hyderabad.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G. JAYALAKSHMI

EX. OFFICIO SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Commissioner of Civil Supplies A.P. Hyderabad

The Vice Chairman & Managing Director, A.P. State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd Hyderabad.

The Collectors of East Godavari West Godavari districts

Copy to:

The Secretary, Department of Food and Public Distribution, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi.

The Director General, Vigilance and Enforcement Department,
B.R.K.R. Bhavan, Hyderabad.

The Commissioner of Agriculture, Nampally, Hyderabad

The Joint Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister, A.P. Secretariat,
Hyderabad.

The O.S.D to Hon'ble Minister for Price Monitoring, Consumer Affairs
Food and Civil Supplies, A.P., Secretariat, Hyderabad

The Joint Collectors of East Godavari West Godavari districts.

The District Supply Officers, East Godavari and West Godavari.

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SECTION OFFICER